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SUBJECT: SEMINAR ON CARDIAC REHABILITATION IN TEHRAN

REF: A-5844, JULY 24

1. SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICE (SRS), DHEW, HAS LEARNED FROM DR. MENARD GERTLER THAT TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM DR. SIAVOSH KHONSARI, CHIEF SURGEON, QUEEN PAHLAVI FOUNDATION (ASSUME THIS IS QUEEN MOTHER'S FOUNDATION) CARDIOVASCULAR MEDICAL CENTER, THAT THE FIFTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CARDIAC REHABILITATION SCHEDULED FOR TEHRAN FROM SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 2, 1974 HAS BEEN CANCELLED. DR. KHONSARI HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS LIAISON OFFICER WITH DR. GERTLER AND THE PAHLAVI FOUNDATION FOR MAKING ALL FINAL ARRANGEMENTS. HE HAS STATED IN TWO SEPARATE TELEGRAMS THAT CONFERENCE CANNOT BE HELD BECAUSE THERE ARE NO HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS DUE TO ASIAN GAMES (WHICH, OF COURSE, END SEPT. 16). DR. GERTLER HAS REQUESTED RECONSIDERATION AND INQUIRED ABOUT CHANGE OF DATES TO LATER IN OCTOBER OR OTHER DATES THAT ARE AGREEABLE. ALSO SUGGESTED CHANGE OF SITE TO OTHER CITY IN IRAN. HE HAS NOT RECEIVED AN ANSWER AND HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO REACH DR. KHONSARI BY TELEPHONE. WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM 12 COUNTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS WHO AND INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF CARDIOLOGY PARTICIPATING, MUST ADVISE SOONEST AS TO ALTERNATE DATES UNCLASSIFIED

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AND/OR LOCATION AND POSSIBLE REASON FOR CANCELLATION SINCE

WRITTEN CONCURRENCE HAD BEEN REACHED SOME MONTHS AGO.

2. SRS WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY EXPLAINING TO KHONSARI US. AND INTERNATIONAL INTEREST IN HAVING CONFERENCE HELD IN IRAN APPROXIMATELY AS SCHEDULED AND DR. GERTLER'S WILLINGNESS TO CHANGE DATES AND/OR LOCATION IF THAT WOULD FACILITATE MATTERS. PLEASE ADVISE RESULTS OF DISCUSSION WITH KHONSARI. HE SHOULD ALSO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH GERTLER. KISSINGER

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